

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
May 1st, 2025**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Total Attendance: _28_, **Zoomers:** _10_ **In person:** _18_

Committee members: _____

Groups represented: _____

Guests: _____

Read Twelve Traditions: _Scott Y.____

Read Concept of the Month: _Ryan D.____

New GSR's Present: _Jen (Big Book Students Monday 7:30 MAC) / Mary (Sat 10 a.m. MAC Clean air Group)_

New attendees present: _____

Anniversaries: __Dan P. (8 Years)____

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Dan P. / Alt. DCM: OPEN

Good evening District 11. I hope everyone had a good month.

4/5/25 Pre General Service Conference Workshop

I attended the PGSCW in Dixon, IL. It was a good time and I'm certain our Delegate was able to gain a sense of our Area. Thank you to all groups who attended and participated.

4/10/25 Legacy of Service Concepts Study

I hosted the Concepts Study. Attendance was myself and one other. I was able to answer some basic questions about our service structure as the other attendee was not very familiar with service. I would encourage any GSRs to attend to learn more about our service structure and our Concepts.

- The rest of the month I spent primarily answering emails as they arose.
- I am still working on finding possible locations to house our meeting in the future.
- I am still working with Blu and Aaron V. to hold a GSR School Workshop
- October 4th District 11 will be hosting the Norther Illinois Area 20 Fall Committee Meeting at Lord of Life Church in Elburn, IL. I am looking for groups to help serve at the meeting.

Thank you,

Dan P
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224 605 1673

QUESTIONS:

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

Secretary's Report: Secretary - Ryan D. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

- Zoom Attendees Please enter your name, position and group information into the chat
- If anyone needs to add a group or make a change to a group please fill out a form in the back and bring it to me. I will submit to webmaster, registrar and schedule maker.
- If there are any issues with a prior submitted form please see me after the meeting.

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. Passed.**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo G. / Alt. Treasurer - Bud S.

Over the past month we have had Income of \$1,484.00 and Expenses of \$644.68. This puts our available funds at \$5,123.61 based on our prudent reserves.

I have updated the contribution receipt letter to include the following:

In an effort to streamline our process and be fiscally responsible we will be phasing out our contribution envelopes that get mailed with your receipt. In the future we will be sending your receipts via email.

I will now read the contribution letter for you.

At the end of the year, we will be utilizing a new PO Box half the size of our current one to save \$58 annually. The cost went up for our next renewal and we don't need one this big.

Thank you!

Yours in service
Angelo Gallegos
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org
Lomaster1313@aol.com
815-678-4034

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to Accept November Report: PASSED**

***~Pass the 7th Tradition Basket~ * Rent is \$1.00/per person/per hour - we typically occupy 2 hours.
Requested Donation of \$2.00 Per Person.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Chair: Craig D. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Looking for committee members to get involved if anyone is interested

E-mail address is not forwardin to chair so he will add his contact info on minutes if anyone has questions or wants to get involved please reach out.

QUESTIONS:

Q: What actions are you taking to put together a committee

A: I am announcing it at meetings but open to suggestions. I am getting a little help from Area as well.

**: Comment to recruit - maybe make a handout or flyer for meetings and Alano clubs

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike M. / Alt. Chair - Rob R.,

April Answering Service Report.

	April
Answer Rate:	71.88%
Total Calls	32
Wrong Number/Hang up	9
Delivered Calls	23

Nothing major to report, but thank you to all of our volunteers!

Looking to fill out a few more time slots.

Looking for 1 volunteer for each time slot below:

- Monday Evening from 7pm - 7am
- Sunday Evening from 7pm - 7am
- Thursday Morning from 7am - 7pm

We were invoiced for some assistance provided by TasUnited, to help us get situated.

Yours In Service,

Mike Mensinger

QUESTIONS:

Q: What slots are available?

A: Monday and Sunday Evening (7 p.m. - 7 a.m. slot)

Q: Does that include the position that is now open which Bud was filling?

A: No - there is also his slot available (see above)

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair:

Hello District 11

I will not be joining you tonight. I am as we speak, talking at my Sponsor's Home Group in Irving Texas. Then spending the weekend in Palestine Texas for a Sponsorship Weekend.

Since last month I have scanned and stored minutes from 1983 – 2002. Better explanation will be necessary when I see you on June 5th.

At that June 5th Meeting I will begin to bring examples of work I have been doing. Such as our Minutes, District 11 records, and Grapevines. And may possibly be using more than my allotted time.

Rich H.
District 11 Archivist
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CPC Report: Chair: Laurie L. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Lisa filling in for Laurie

- D11 CPC had a group went and helped @ an Elgin event - last minute
 - Karen and Laurie set up and got others to help
- District will be working with other districts to find spaces @ county fairs this summer
- Any reimbursement requests will go to area as these events were not district

Q: What would participation @ county fairs look like

A: 5 days - busiest are weekends. Currently contacting county boards to get \$0 cost table along with other vendors. Will create groups for time slots to cover blocks of time at the table. Sub committee group meeting May 17th for dinner meeting if interested please contact Laurie or Lisa

Q: Are we trying to get a free booth, or shouldn't we pay for it like anyone else?

A: We don't pay

Corrections Report: Chair: Clint K. / Alt. Chair: Brian H.

Lots of cool stuff!!

We are covering the additional male cell block with existing male volunteers, but we could use more. We now have 4 male blocks to cover.

Send anyone interested my way and I'll walk them through. I attend every week and twice recently we had exactly one man per cell block including me. We have never failed to cover them all though!!

I'm tracking two men through the process with the sheriff's office at present. I have had a few women express interest, but none have actually applied yet.

I was included in a potluck with the ladies who make up the female volunteer group and a lot of us got faces to go with the names. Excellent conversation about what has worked in the meetings, readjustment of some weeks and so forth. they do a great job of self-managing the one cell of women.

We got 50 books at no direct cost to us from the Area "pink can" funds. I increased our supply of Spanish books and started labeling them since they are so hard to tell just looking at the covers.

I learned that the meeting has been registered but listed as inactive so I have taken steps to make it fully listed.

Clint Kenner

847-922-5303

"The pleasure you get from life is equal to the attitude you put into it."

QUESTIONS:

Q: QR from last year is out there, but those who have scanned it and filled out application but haven't heard back. Is there something that needs to be done still.

A: Process is - See Below

Q: How does someone get in touch with you?

A: Call Clint - 847-922-5303

Application process at McHenry County Jail

<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>

1. ***Log on to McHenrysheriff.org (Above)***
2. ***Click on corrections tab***
3. ***Find and click on "About the jail"***
4. ***Click on Inmate Programming.... Then scroll to the bottom where it says "Jail Volunteers"***
5. ***Read the handbook and take the test.... You need to get 100% to get through the system.***

Grapevine: Chair: Karen W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Helped @ CPC event - not in D11 however.
- The one in Huntley did not take place
- Spoke with Webmaster - will be updating D11 website to have links, contributions, and forms, and banner
- If anyone wants Grapevine to attend any events I am available and will offer a raffle annual subscription
- Please contact me directly if you want me to visit your group

GSR Orientation:

Literature: Chair: Christa C. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

Public Information: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Mark R.

- Putting together a literature order
- AA cards - looking into Steve's question about the wording on the card.
 - The change was made last year to add QR code - this was given to us from Area.
 - Dan will help Georgene to get the new AA cards printed with the old wording.
- Spanish literature from last month. We don't know about getting this, but there is a spanish Pi chair in area
- Karen is going to state conference where there will be 2 spanish speaking districts represented. She will see if they can give guidance

Schedule Maker: Chair: Scott Y. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- New schedules are here
- If any changes needed please let me know

Q: Was there any additional changes other than the date?

A: Meeting changes, GSR, Times

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Nataé S. / Alt Chair: Jake R.

District 11,

Earlier this month at Rosecrance IOP we were able to have 2 members give an intro to AA presentation. It has been a great opportunity for us to go into IOP and share through our experience the 12 steps, homegroup, sponsorship and what AA is and what it is not. The members up to this point have reported that it has been a good experience.

Presently we are waiting for a response from the administrator regarding the frequency of our visit. As of right now we are committed to holding the presentation every 3 months. The initial 1st quarter visit was scheduled to be held mid March however Rosecrance did request for us to reschedule and we are very thankful for the flexibility of our willing and able treatment participants that were able to accommodate this request.

- The Rosecrance beginners meeting is moving along well and heavily attended which they are thankful for. This meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Crystal Lake facility. All members are welcome to attend and share their experience with the first 3 steps.

- At Northwestern Behavioral in Woodstock there has been some administrative changes and it looks like the volunteer badging process is beginning to move forward again. We recently had another member cleared and he is now contributing, however there is still a need for more participation from alcoholics anonymous. Once again the meeting times are Thursday's and Sundays at 1030am and Every other Friday's at 230pm. Please see Natae or myself If you or you know of someone who is willing to help out.

- And Finally,

Recently a group from the district has be given the opportunity to carry the message into the women's sober living at New Directions in Crystal Lake. The commitment is held once a month and currently it is carried out through the group but there may be opportunities if any women are interested to join in our primary purpose. Also, it may be a great opportunity for other groups to get involved at the sober living facility rather than one

individual member taking on the responsibility. Please feel free to bring this information back to your homegroup and contact Natae or myself if this is something your group would be interested in.

The End. 😊

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Natae and Jake

District 11 TS

QUESTIONS

- If anyone wants info on how Friday's at New Directions - Retreat meetings are going or to attend please contact Clint

Q: Which Friday if Every other

A: It was last held on 4/25/25 and next will be 5/9/25

Webmaster: Chair: Doug W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Updating online meeting schedule
- Archive and Grapevine pages are being updated in development
- Meetings in District with unknown activity status - Currently 30 of them and if anyone wants to help visit these to see if they are still valid meetings or not
 - If they are not we need to get Registrar to get them out of the system
- Please keep sending flyers - PDF or JPG format please (not pics)

Workshop: Chair - Blu P. / Alt. Chair - OPEN

- No report

GSR Reports:

- Bill - Winners and Beginners - SATurday Anniversary - 5 doors / food 5:30 / Speaker 7:00 - In Wauonda
- Matt - May 30th - Open speaker meeting - 1st Methodist Mchenry - AA and Alanon speakers - doors 7 / SPeaker 7:30
- Kelsey - Flying Geese - Retreat @ Villa Desiderata - QR on flyer coming out soon - Aug 15 - 17 - only 49 spots available

Old Business:

- OPEN POSITIONS:
 - Officer Positions
 - § Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM)
 - § Alternate Secretary
 - § Alternate Treasurer
 - Committee Positions
 - § Alternate Accessibilities (Alt ACC) Chair
 - § Alternate Cooperation with the Professional Community (Alt CPC) Chair
 - § Alternate Grapevine (Alt GV) Chair

- § Alternate Literature (Alt LT) Chair
- § Alternate Workshops (Alt WS) Chair
- Appointed Positions (If you have an interest please speak to Dan)
 - § GSR Orientation Chair
 - § Local Committee Member (LCM)

New Business:

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- Dan - Sat, June 14th - Annual Friends of Bill W. Steak Fry 27th - **See flyer** - 10 a.m. start - food 2 - 4:30 / Speaker 5 p.m. / Harvard Moose Shelter

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)

- 05/08/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study
 - 7:30 PM via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187
- 05/10/2025: NIA20 Spring Committee Meeting
 - 8AM Doors, 9AM Meeting
 - Lord of Life Church: 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL 60119
 - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/jz8Zz4OJS5CN6E7MO6gQkw>

Meeting Closed at: _8:03__ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday March 6th, 2025 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake (236 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014)